

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in each said field to another user based upon the selected privacy level for each said field; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

9. (Twice Amended) A computer system for providing access to a collection of electronic business cards, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information
 into a plurality of fields;
 storing said information; and
 sending an authentication email to the
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication
 email is required to complete said creation;
 allowing the user to search for one or more records;
 allowing the user to view said records and to
 export electronic business card data from said records
 to a file readable by a contact management program;
 if said creation is completed, allowing the setting
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said
 setting comprising selecting one of more than two
 privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in
 each said field to another user based upon the selected
 privacy level for each said field; and
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user
 prior to an expiration date.

17. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium,
 comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site
 to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business
 card file by the user using said Web site, said
 creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information
 into a plurality of fields;
 storing said information; and
 sending an authentication email to the
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication
 email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;
 allowing the user to view said records and to
 export electronic business card data from said records
 to a file readable by a contact management program;
 if said creation is completed, allowing the setting
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said
 setting comprising selecting one of more than two
 privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in
 each said field to another user based upon the selected
 privacy level for each said field; and
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user
 prior to an expiration date.

25. (Twice Amended) A computer data signal embodied in
 a carrier wave, comprising computer instructions for:
 providing an electronic business card file Web site
 to a user;
 allowing the creation of an electronic business
 card file by the user using said Web site, said
 creation comprising:
 allowing the user to enter information
 into a plurality of fields;
 storing said information; and
 sending an authentication email to the
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication
 email is required to complete said creation;
 allowing the user to search for one or more records;
 allowing the user to view said records and to
 export electronic business card data from said records
 to a file readable by a contact management program;
 if said creation is completed, allowing the setting
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said

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 setting comprising selecting one of more than two
 privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in
 each said field to another user based upon the selected
 privacy level for each said field; and
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user
 prior to an expiration date.

33. (Amended) A method of providing access to a
 collection of electronic business cards, comprising the
 steps of:

providing an electronic business card file Web site
 to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business
 card file by the user using said Web site, said
 creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information
 into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication
 email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to
 export electronic business card data from said records
 to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said
 setting comprising selecting one of more than two
 privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card
 file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user
 prior to an expiration date.

34. (Amended) A computer system for providing access to a collection of electronic business cards, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

35. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

36. (Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising: